

BLONDIE



SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



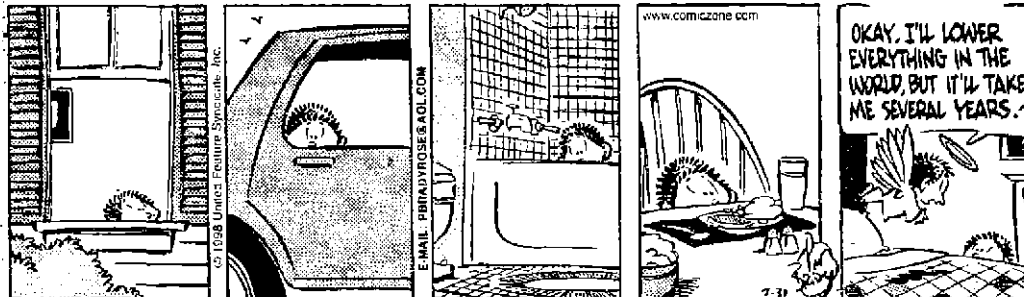
9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



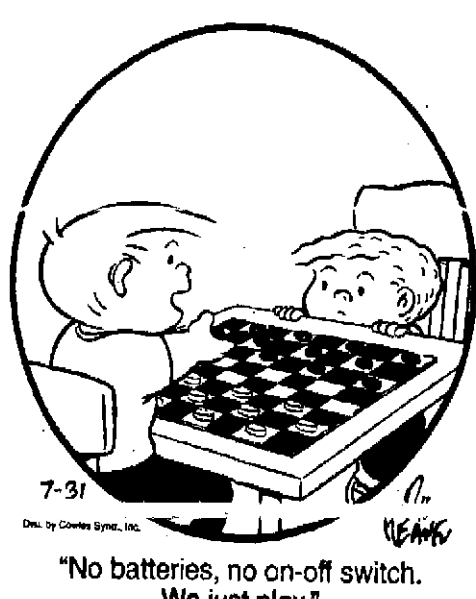
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



"No, you can't have the middle one. That's the owner."

Today's Birthdays

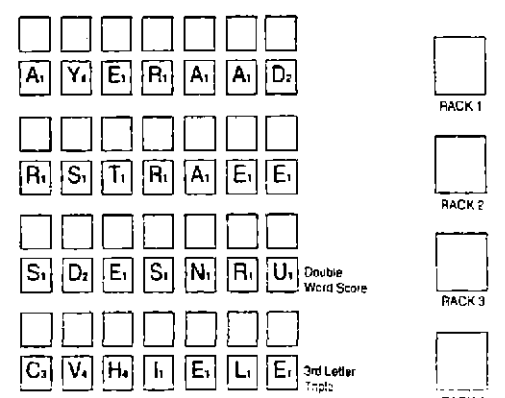
Nobel Prize-winning economist **Milton Friedman** is 86. Sportscastr **Don Meredith** is 70. Singer **Lobo** is 55. Actress **Geraldine Chaplin** is 54. Movie studio executive **Sherry Lansing** is 54. Singer **Gary Lewis** is 52. Rock singer **Bob Welch** is 52. Tennis player **Egonne Goolagong Cawley** is 47. Actor **Barry Van Dyke** is 47. Actor **Michael Biehn** is 42. Actor **Wesley Snipes** is 36. Actor **Dean Cain** is 32. Actor **Loren Dean** is 29.

I NEED HELP



Stella encounters a problem with her can of mace.

SCRABBLE



DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW/Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW** 7-31-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Work -

K V R N K G C Z V S P L I E B
Y V R O L I F C Z W T Q N K I
F C Z W U R P M J H E C Z X U
S Q N E K N L K J B G E C Z X
V S T O P P A G E T R P N L J
H E O H I C E N D E A Y W V T
R B P S N T C L N N W K I G E
C B Z X H H A W A I M R A F U
S R P I O O L T T A O T M L J
I G C E D B P E S R O H U A Y
X W U T S Q P O N T R E V O L

Thursday's unlisted clue: **TURKEY**
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: **FOOT COVERING**

Bench	Horse	Room	Stoppage
Book	Out	Shop	Train
Ethic	Over	Stand	Week
Farm	Place	Station	

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HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, Aug. 1, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Getting overly upset about a relatively minor issue could cause more serious repercussions than you realize.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There are likely to be some interesting developments in an intimate relationship. Whether it is complete bliss or a major fallout depends largely on your sense of timing.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You can act only as good as you feel, so be sure to don your sharpest outfit and prepare for an eventful day.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Should you plunge into social activities, the result is likely to be spectacular. Start planning for the future in a more creative manner.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Keep your temper in check, and find like-minded souls with whom to release frustrations.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) If you can find the words to articulate your desires, others will wonder what's kept you silent so long.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Try not to be too concerned if for once you don't feel like sharing your toys. You can feel free to indulge an urge to hoard your treasures.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Someone special notices and appreciates one of your many hidden talents.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You are forced to accept circumstances beyond your control. Be gracious and grateful for small favors.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You are in a position to harness the powerful force of your optimism. As a result, a group effort receives a much-needed shot in the arm.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Friends who know how to read your mood are happy to leave you alone.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) An unexpected encounter unleashes more creativity than you ever dreamed you possessed.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

In a heart game, declarer leads a singleton from dummy (North), and East has the ace. Is it automatic for East to take his ace? Many would, even those who know it might be better to duck. The fear of losing the ace is a powerful force that's not easy to suppress. South takes dummy's club ace and quickly leads dummy's singleton diamond. Should East grab his ace before he loses it? If he does, then whether he returns a club or switches to spades won't matter. South regains the lead in time to discard two of dummy's spades on his high diamonds. The defenders get only a club, a diamond and a trump, and South gets his 10 winners. Suppose East bravely plays low when South leads dummy's singleton. East never gets his ace, but look what he gets in return. Unable to discard any of dummy's spades, South must concede two spades, a club and a trump, sending the game one down. There is another possible bonus for the brave duck by East. Suppose South has the K-J-x instead of the K-Q-x. Will he not be the favorite to insert his jack and lose to West's queen? A word of caution. Bold defense is not synonymous with foolish defense. One should not duck when the ace is the setting trick, nor should one duck an unguarded ace, subjecting it to falling after a ruff or two in dummy.

NORTH
♠ 7 6 5
♥ A 10 8 7 6
♦ 3
♣ A 9 6 3

WEST
♠ K 9 4
♥ 4
♦ J 9 5 4
♣ K Q 10 7 2

EAST
♠ Q J 10 3
♥ K 2
♦ A 10 8 6 2
♣ 8 5

SOUTH
♠ A 8 2
♥ O 1 9 5 3
♦ K Q 7
♣ J 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Club king

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0619

ACROSS

- 1 Victoria's Secret offering
- 4 Lofty verse
- 8 Meccan pilgrim
- 13 Staff break?
- 15 Deli side
- 16 Glaciate
- 17 Accepting bribes
- 19 Star bursts
- 20 Salinger title character
- 21 Doubt
- 23 Successful
- 25 Words after "under" or "down to"
- 28 Barney on "The Simpsons," for one
- 29 Magazine: Abbr.

- 32 Having more hoarfrost
- 33 Ben—
- 34 — speak
- 35 Annual contribution sites, for short
- 36 Bungling
- 38 In a bit
- 39 County on the Strait of Dover
- 40 Cowboy sobriquet
- 41 W.W. II battle atoll
- 43 Procter & Gamble detergent
- 44 Twaddle
- 46 Loving mother, at times
- 48 What it takes, they say

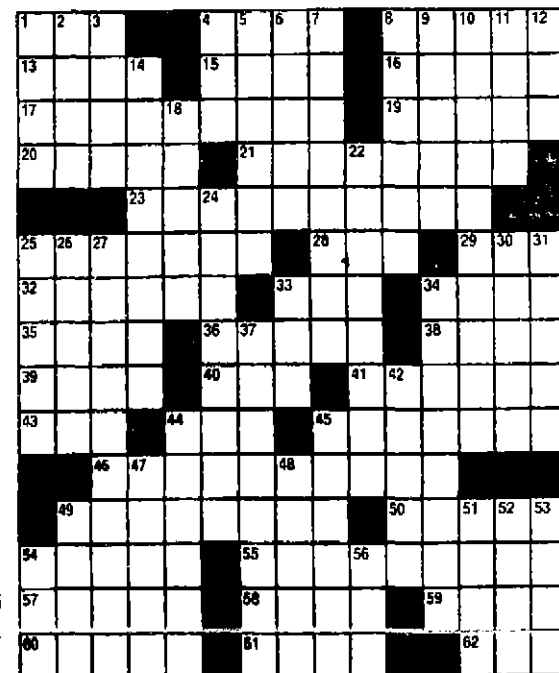
- 49 Like some specially-prepared foods
- 50 Content of some boxes
- 54 Part of LED
- 55 Twin
- 57 High note to low
- 58 "La Scala di —" (Rossini opera)
- 59 Lead
- 60 Big Bertha's birthplace
- 61 Dept. store inventory
- 62 Good feller

DOWN

- 1 Tito's real name
- 2 Western city named for a Civil War general
- 3 Memo start
- 4 Contractor's fig.
- 5 Film about teeth
- 6 Plumber's filler
- 7 Cleans, in a way
- 8 Imply
- 9 Flip (choose, in a way)
- 10 Used in worship
- 11 San —
- 12 Velocity prefix
- 13 Checker moves
- 14 High nest: Var.
- 15 Avoidupois weight unit
- 16 Bug

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ABUND NUMB ISEE
GONER EZIO OMAN
EXHAUSTING DUST
ELIOT OLIVER
FOR DYLAN SINGLE
OPEN ESE GEESSE
PUNISH TATA
STATECAPITALS
AMOT PETULA
DRYDENVEROE KEY
LAREDO ITCHY
INAN BASSALEMAN
DING EXIT ARADY
GATE LENA TENGE



Puzzle by A. J. Santora

- 26 Early mode of transportation
- 28 Personnel person
- 29 Scents, e.g.
- 30 Little Eva's creator
- 31 Salvager's
- 33 Whammy
- 34 Like a wisecrack
- 37 It's relatively helpful
- 42 Worry
- 44 Irish hooch
- 45 Sides
- 47 Kind of heel
- 48 Flowed to and fro
- 49 Cape of Good Hope discoverer
- 51 Pauley Pavilion team
- 52 Imitation
- 53 Make tracks
- 54 Rapping Dr.
- 56 "... we fear — evil": Burns

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